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SUBJECT: MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

REFS: (A) STATE 64262 (B) ISLAMABAD 1793

1. COSTING FOR LOCALLY ASSEMBLED FORD VANS USED AS MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS (REF B) IS PER UNIT, I.E. RS. 190,000 (SEQUAL RS. 9.9 FOR MODIFIED BAN, INCLUDING DUTY, AND RS. 60,000 EVERY SIX MONTHS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING MEDICINE.
2. CARE REIDESSENTATIVE DUNN TOLD US LOCALLY ASSEMBLED JEEP WAGONEERS, THE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ALTERNATIVE TO THE TWO WHEEL DRIVE FORD VAN, COST ABOUT RS. 156,000, INCLUDING DUTY. DUNN ESTIMATED RS. 20,000 EVERY SIX MONTHS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES EXCLUDING MEDICINES. BOTH UNHCR AND CARE HAVE SAID THEY HAVE 90% ASSURANCE THAT DUTY OF AROUND RS.40,000 PER VEHICLE, EITHER JEEP OR FORD WILL BE WAIVED.

3. REGARDING STAFFING, UNHCR REP KOHAUT HAS NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION BUT BELIEVES EACH UNIT SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE DOCTOR AND ONE LADY HEALTH VISITOR. A FINAL DECISION ON

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STAFFING DEPENDS ON GOP ABILITY TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL. WHEN

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HE LEARNS THE DELIVERY DATE FOR THE UNITS, KOHAUT PLANS TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE GOP INFORMING IT OF THE DATE AND ASKING FOR THE STAFFING PATTERN WITHIN A WEEK OF THAT DATE. HE ALSO PLANS TO SAY THAT IF THE GOP CANNOT PROVIDE THE PERSONNEL WITHIN THAT TIME, THE UNHCR WILL DO IT. KOHAUT ALSO REPORTS THAT THE HEALTH SECRETARY FOR BALUCHISTAN HAS PRIVATELY ADMITTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, COL. BABAR, THAT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND ENOUGH FEMALE HEALTH WORKERS TO PROPERLY AID THE REFUGEES.

4. WE ARE MAKING APPOINTMENT WITH ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION (EAD) TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF USING RUPEES TO FUND ALL OR SOME OF THE UNITS AND WILL REPORT ON THAT MEETING SEPTEL. WE WILL STRESS TO THE EAD THAT DUTY MUST BE MAINTAINED EVEN IF PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE IN EXCESS RUPEES.
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